So why are dreams 1/46th forty-six parts of Prophethood. Because Dreams marked the onset of Revelation (al-Bukhaari, 3; Muslim, 231). The first Wahy (revelation) came down for Six Months. And Wahy (revelation) lasted 23 years. So the first Wahy being 6 months (beause 2 six months = 1 Year) 2 x 23 years = 46 months. Thus Dreams are 1/46th part Prophethood. So now you know why 46th is mentioned but not explained before by anyone one on the net, this i found out while listening to Shaykh Muhammad Yaqubi's CD The Perfect_Mirror_Seeing_the Prophet(pbuh)_in_Our_Dreams: Proofs and Interpretations (audio CD).

The Shaykh tells about describes over ninety ways the Prophet (sal Allahu `alayhi wa salam) appears in people's dreams, giving the interpretation of each dream: If you see the Prophet (sal Allahu `alayhi wa salam) from 'The good dream of a man who is salih is a forty-sixth part of prophecy'

- 1. One of the most tried and tested means of gaining the vision of the Noble Prophet (alayhi salat wa salam) during sleep, and even during wakefulness, is intense love for him, and occupying one's thoughts with him night and day, along with faithful conforming with his noble sunnah, and frequent prayers of benediction (salawat) upon him in a continuous fashion, and complete uprightness on his way (istiqama) and great yearning towards seeing him (saw), and supplications for him, and carrying the cares of the Beloved (alayhi salat wa salam), namely, calling to Allah in secret and in public; and continual application of all of the foregoing, and the absence of despair and hopelessness in the mercy of Allah, the Generous Bestower, for He deals in a steady manner but does not neglect anything, nor does He ruin the hopes of anyone who supplicates Him and hopes in Him, and it might be that He has hidden the treasures within the "late" response to one's supplication.
- 2. Some of the gnostics ('arifeen) have said: "whoever wishes to see the Prophet (saw), then let him remember him frequently night and day, and love the Awliya, otherwise, the door to that vision is closed shut, for they are the leaders and masters of people, and our Lord and His Messenger (saw) get angry at (the object of) their anger..."
- 3. Regular recitation and meditation the Burda Sharifa of Imam Sharafuddin al-Busayri.
- 4. It has been mentioned from the Prophet (saw) that whoever sends prayers of benediction (salawat) upon the spirit (ruh) of Sayyidina Muhammad among the spirits, and his body among the bodies, and his grave among the graves, then "he will see me in his sleep, and whoever sees me in his sleep, will see me in the Day of Rising; and whoever sees me (with this special vision) in the Day of Rising, i will intercede on his

behalf, and for whomever I intercede, he will drink from my pool and Allah will forbid the Fire to touch his body."

- 5. Imam Nawawi wrote in his Adhkar: "whoever, on the night preceding Friday, prays two nafl rak'as, reciting Ayat al Kursi 5 times in each rak'a after Fatiha, and then after this salah, sits and prays salawat 1,000 times upon the Prophet (saw), then he will see him in his dream."
- 6. From al-Hasan (al-Basri?): "Whoever prays four rak'at (2×2) nafl in the night preceding Friday, and in each rak'a after Fatiha recites the following suras: Duha, Sharh, Qadr, Zalzala (any multiple number of times), and then when he is done with these four, sits for the jalso and reads tahiyyat, and sends salawat 70 times and makes istighfar 70 times, and then makes the salaam to end the prayer, taking care not to speak to anyone after that, then lies down on his right side and sends salawat until sleep overtakes him, then he will see the Prophet (saw) in his dreams in sha'allah."
- 7. Whoever recites surat al-Qadr ("inna anzalnahu..") one thousand times on Friday, then he will not die until he sees the Prophet (saw).
- 8. Whoever wakes in the middle of the night before the day of Friday and recites surat al Quraysh 1000 times, then he will see the Prophet (saw) in his sleep and all his needs will be satisfied in sha'allah.
- 9. Ja'far as-Sadiq said: "Whoever recites surat al Kawthar 1000 times, and then sends salawat 1000 times, in the night preceding Friday, and then ask Allah to allow him to see the Prophet (saw), then he will see the Prophet (saw) in his sleep in sha'allah."
- 10. Whoever, in the night preceding the day of Thursday or Friday or Monday, prays four rak'at nafl (2×2), in the first rak'a reciting surat al Qadr 3 times, in the second reciting surat al Zalzala 3 times, in the third reciting surat al Kafirun 3 times, and in the fourth reciting al Falaq and an Naas 3 times (and another narration of this says to add Ikhlas 3 times here), and when he is done with this, sits and recites the "salat al fatih" of Sidi Mustafa al-Bakri, then he will meet with the Prophet (saw). Salat al-Fatih: "Allahumma Salli wa Sallim 'ala Sayyidina Muhammad, al Fatihi lima Ughliqa wa'l Khatimi lima Sabaqa, Nasir il-Haqqi bi'l Haqqi, wa'l Haadi ila Siratik al-Mustaqeem, wa 'ala aalihi Haqqa Qadrihi wa Miqdarihi-l 'Adheem."
- 11. Sidi Mustafa al-Bakri said: "Among the benefits of this noble name "Muhammad" is that whoever says it every night 22 times, then he will frequently see the Prophet (saw)."
- 12. Some of the Saliheen have stated: "whoever wishes to see the Prophet (saw) during one's sleep, let him pray two rak'as, and after Fatiha read surat al Ikhlas 100 times, and when he is done, say three times: "Ya Muhsin Ya Mujammil Ya Mun'im Ya Mutafaddil, Arini Wajha Muhammadin salla-allahu alayhi wa sallam" then he will see him in sha'allah."

- 13. Pray two rak'as, and recite any sura you wish in them, and in the sujud say 100 times: "Ya Nur an-Noor, Ya Mudabbir al Umoor, Balligh 'Anni Ruha Muhammadin salla-allahu alayhi wa sallama tahiyyatan wa salama" (O Light of light, O Manager of all Affairs, send greetings and peace to the spirit of Muhammad (saw) on my behalf).
- 14. One of the righteous awliya said: "I saw the Prophet (saws) in a dream and he told me, "say before you sleep 'Bismillah ir Rahman ir Raheem' 5 times and 'Audhu billahi min ash shaytan ir rajeem' 5 times, and then say 'Allahumma bi Haqqi Muhammad, Arini Wajha Muhammadin Haalan wa Ma'aala' (O Allah, by the right of Muhammad, show me the face of Muhammad in this moment and in the end), then I will come to you and will not break my promise to you."
- 15. One of the Shuyukh said, "whoever recites the following salawat after the 'Isha prayer, and reads the last three suras each 3 times, and does not speak with anyone after this, then he will see the Prophet (saws), and it is (the version of Imam Ghazali): (to be posted later)"
- 16. Qadi Yusuf ibn Isma'il an-Nabhani on page 444 of his book "Sa'adat ad-Darayn" wrote: "whoever wishes to see him in one's sleep, then let him say an odd number of times: "Allahumma Salli ala Muhammadin kama Amartana an Nusalliya 'alayh, Allahumma Salli ala Muhammadin kama huwa ahluh, Allahumma Salli ala Muhammadin kama tuhibbu wa tarda lah, Allahumma Salli 'ala Ruh Muhammadin fi'l Arwah, Allahumma Salli ala Jasadi Muhammadin fi'l Ajsad, Allahumma Salli ala Qabri Muhammadin fi'l Quboor." (O Allah, send salawat upon Muhammad as you have ordered us to send upon him, O Allah, send salawat upon Muhammad as he deserves, O Allah, send salawat upon Muhammad as much as you love for him and are pleased with him to receive, O Allah, send salawat upon the spirit of Muhammad among the spirits, and upon his body among the bodies, and upon his grave among the graves).
- 17. Imam Qastalaani said, "I saw written in some books that whoever recites surat al Muzzammil and al Kawthar regularly will get to see him (saws)."
- 18. Imam al-Yafi'i said: "whoever desires to see him (saw), then let him make ghusl and wudu in the beginning of the night before the first Friday of the month, and wear clean white clothes, and pray the 'Isha prayer, then pray 12 rak'as (6×2), in each rak'a reciting surat al Muzzammil after the Fatiha. and when he is done with this, let him send salawat upon the Prophet (saw) 1,000 times, and recite istighfar 1,000 times, and let him sleep in a state of purity...then he will see the Prophet (saw) in his sleep in sha'allah."
- 19. Frequent Recitation of the following Salawat (from Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jaylani): "Allahumma Salli Salaatan Kamilatan wa Sallim salaaman taamman ala sayyidina wa mawlana Muhammadin illadhi tanhallu bihi-l 'uqadu wa tanfariju bihi-l kurabu wa tuqdaa bihi'l hawa'iju wa tunaalu bihi-r raghaa'ibu wa husna-l khawateem, wa yustasqa-l ghamaamu bi wajhihi-l kareem, wa 'ala aalihi wa sahbihi fi kulli lamhatin wa nafasin bi 'adadi kulli ma'lumin laka" (O Allah, send the perfect salawat and the complete salaam upon our master and patron Muhammad, by whom the knots are untied, and the afflictions are removed, and the needs are satisfied, and the desired goals are gained as are the best ends, and by whose noble countenance the clouds are watered; and also upon his family and companions, in every moment and breath, according to the number of things in Your Knowledge).

- 20. Imam Qastalaani said: "whoever recites surat al Fil on any certain night 1000 times, and then sends salawat 1000 times, then he will see the Prophet (saw) in his sleep in sha'allah. Also, whoever writes surat al Fil and hangs it on one's person, then it serves as a great shield from one's enemies, and Allah grants victory by it to him over them."
- 21. Whoever prays Maghrib salat, and then prays naf'al rak'at (2×2) until it is time for 'Isha, and in each rak'a reads surat Ikhlas 7 times, and when he ends the prayer (with salam), he goes down in sujud and says 7 times "subhan allah wa'l hamdu lillah wa la ilaha illa allah wallahu akbar" and then says 7 times "Allahumma salli 'ala-n nabiyy al ummiyy Muhammad wa aalihi wa sallim" and then says 7 times "Ya Hayyu Ya Qayyum Ya Rahman Ya Raheem", and then gets up from that sujud and begins another two rak'ats in the same fashion, until the time for Isha comes, and then he prays Isha, and after Isha prayer he sits and says the following 1000 times: "Salla Allahu 'ala Muhammadin an-Nabiyy al-Ummiyy", and then goes to sleep on his right side and continues making salawat...then he will see the Prophet (saw) in his dreams in sha'allah.
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- 22. Pray two nafl rak'as, and in each rak'a recite surat Ikhlas 100 or 200 times, and when you are finished with this prayer, say the following three times: "Ya Allahu Ya Rahman Ya Muhsin Ya Mujammil Ya Mun'im Ya Mutafaddil, Arini Wajha Nabiyyika Muhammad Salla-allahu alayhi wa sallam", and also write these words on white paper and put it under his pillow, then he will see the Prophet (saw).......
- 23. Pray Maghrib prayer in the masjid, and then pray sets of two rak'at (until the adhan for Isha prayer), and in each nafl rak'a recite surat Ikhlas 3 times after Fatiha, and after praying Isha in the masjid, return home and do not speak with anyone. And when you are ready for bed, pray two rak'as and in each rak'a recite Ikhlas 7 times and finish the prayer with salams. Then go down in sujud, and make istighfar 7 times (while in sujud) and send salawat 7 times, and then say 7 times: "subhan allah wal hamdu lillaah wa la ilaha illa allah wallahu akbar wa la hawla wa la quwwata illa billahi-l aliyy al adheem." Then sit up from that prostration, and sit in the position of jalsa and raise your hands and say (7 times): "Ya Hayyu Ya Qayyum Ya Dha'l Jalali wa'l Ikram Ya Arham ar-Rahimeen Ya Rahman ad-dunya wa'l akhirata wa Raheemahuma Ya Allahu Ya Ilaah al Awwalin wa'l Akhireen, Ya Rabb Ya Rabb Ya Rabb Ya Allah Ya Allah Ya Allah." Then stand

up and raise your hands and say the same thing once, and recite istighfar and salawat as much as you wish, then enter your bed and sleep on your right side...and you will see the Prophet (saw) in sha'allah.

- 24. Some of the righteous awliya said, "whoever wishes to witness the Prophetic Beauty then let him make wudu' before going to bed, and then sit on his bed, making sure it is clean, and then recite suras Shams and Layl and Tin, saying the Basmala before each of them, and then make frequent salawat, and end with this du'a: "Allahumma Rabb al Balad il Haraam wa'l Halli wa'l Haraam wa-r Rukni wa'l Magaam, Igra' 'ala Ruhi Muhammadin minna-s Salaam."
- 25. It was related that one man used to see the Prophet (saw), and that he used to recite the following salawat 16,000 times: "Allahumma Salli 'ala Sayyidina Muhammadin wa Aalihi Haqqa Qadrihi wa Miqdarih"
- 26. One of the Shuyukh of Sidi Ahmad Zarruq said: "After making the final salam for salat al Jum'a, say "Subhan Allah wa Bi Hamdihi" 100 times, and then after 'Asr prayer, say 1000 times "Allahumma Salli 'ala Sayyidina Muhammadin an-Nabiyy al-Ummiyy," and he tried this in the Prophet's mosque in Madina, and found it worked.
- 27. Haqqi Afandi an-Nazili wrote in his book "The Treasu1rehouse of Secrets" the following: "in the year 1262 I asked my Shaykh about some special Adhkar that would unviel to me Divine knowledges and bring me closer to Allah and connect me to the Messenger of Allah (alayhi salat wa salam), and he told me to recite Ayat al Kursi and the following salawat: "Allahumma Salli ala Sayyidina Muhammadin wa ala Aali Sayyidina Muhammadin fi kulli lamhatin wa nafasin bi 'adadi kulli ma'lumin laka",

and he said, "if you are assiduous in this, you will take the knowledges and secrets from the Prophet (saw) until you come to be under his direct spiritual training (tarbiya).

And he said, "and this is tried and tested, and so-and-so found it to be true" and he listed a number of names of people. So on the first night i tried it, i recited this salawat 100 times, and i saw the Prophet (saw) in my sleep, and he told me, "(my) intercession is for you and your parents and your brothers," and then i found in my own experience what the Shaykh told me to be true. And then I told many of the Ikhwan about this practice, and i found that whoever stayed constant with it, received many extraordinary secrets unlike others, and in it is many secrets indeed, and this indication should suffice for you."

- 28. Sayyid Ahmad Dahlan, the Shafi'i Mufti of Makka, wrote in his collection of salawat the following: "and among the forms of salawat that is tried and tested for meeting the Prophet (alayhi salat wa salam) is the following: "Allahumma Salli wa Sallim 'ala Sayyidina Muhammadin al Jaami'i li Asraarika wad-Daalli 'alayk, wa 'ala Aalihi wa Sahbihi wa Sallim"...every day 1000 times each.
- 29. Sayyid Ahmad Dahlan also mentioned in that same book the following: Among the greatest and most beneficial forms that the gnostics mentioned was beneficial for recitation even if only one time on the night preceding Friday, and that whoever was constant in that, then the form of the Prophet (saw) would appear before his spirit when he dies and when he enters the grave, until

he sees that the Prophet (saw) himself is the one who is placing him in the grave; and the gnostics said that whoever takes up this salawat should read it every day 10 times, and on the night before Friday 100 times, so that he can attain this great favor and immense blessing in sha'allah. And that specific form is: "Allahumma Salli ala Sayyidina Muhammadin an Nabiyy al Ummiyy al Habeeb, al 'Aali-l Qadr al 'Adheem al-Jaah, wa 'ala Aalihi wa Sahbihi wa Sallim". This was also related by Shaykh Ahmad as-Sawi and Imam Suyuti.

- 30. Shaykh Ahmad as-Sawi said in his commentary on the Wird of Sidi ad-Dardir: "the recitation of the salawat al Ibrahimiyya (the same as the one in the tashahhud) 1000 times brings one to the vision of the Prophet (saw), and Shaykh al Adawi said in his commentary on Dala'il al Khayrat that whoever reads this salawat 1000 times on the night preceding Friday or Monday, then he will necessarily behold the being of the Prophet (saw)."
- 31. The Qutb al-Shaykh Abdul Qadir al-Jaylani wrote in his Book "al-Ghunya" that Abu Hurayra reported that the Prophet (saw) said: "whoever, on the night preceding Friday, prays two rak'at, and in each rak'a recites (after the Fatiha) Ayat al Kursi once and surat al Ikhlas 15 times, and then after that salat, sits and says 1000 times, "Allahumma Salli ala Sayyidina Muhammadin an Nabiyy al Ummiyy" then he will see me in his sleep, and the next Friday will not come without him seeing me. And whoever sees me, then the Garden is his, and all his sins past and future are forgiven."
- 32. Ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them both) related that the Prophet (alayhi salat wa salam) said: "there is no believer that prays two nafl rak'as on the night before Jum'a, and in each rak'a recites surat Ikhlas 25 times (after the Fatiha), and then after finishing the prayer says 1000 times, "Salla Allahu ala Muhammad in-Nabiyy il-Ummiyy", then the next Friday will not come without him seeing me in his sleep, and whoever sees me then Allah forgives his sins."
- 33. Shaykh Hasan al-'Adawi in his commentary on the Dala'il al Khayrat recorded that Shaykh al-Mursi said: "Whoever recites this salawat 500 times every day and night and is constant in that then he will not die until he meets with the Prophet (saw) in a state of wakefulness (yaqadha). That salawat is: "Allahumma Salli ala Sayyidina Muhammadin 'Abdika wa Nabiyyika wa Rasulika an-Nabiyy al-Ummiyy wa 'ala aalihi wa sahbihi wa Sallim".
- 34. Shaykh al-'Adawi also recorded that Imam al-Yafi'i stated in his book "Bustan al Fuqara" that the Prophet Muhammad (alayhi salat wa salam) stated that, "Whoever prays this salawat upon me on Friday 1000 times, "Allahumma Salli ala Sayyidina Muhammadin in-Nabiyy il-Ummiyy wa 'ala aalihi wa sahbihi wa Sallim" then he will see either his Lord or his Prophet or his dwelling place in heaven during his sleep, and if he does not, then let him repeat that for two Fridays or three or five." Shaykh Abdullah al-Khayyat ibn Muhammad al-Fasi wrote in his book that he tried this practice but did not see anything, so then he said he sent salawat purely out of love for the Prophet (saw), and he saw a dream of glad tidings that he saw himself in the Garden.One of the Shuyukh said, "whoever recites the following salawat after the 'Isha prayer, and reads the last three suras each 3 times, and does not speak with anyone after this, then he will see the Prophet (saws), and it is (the version of Imam Ghazali): (to be posted later)"

Allahumma ij'al afdala salawaatika abadan O Allah, cause the most superior of Your salawat always

wa anmaa barakaatika sarmadan and Your most superabundant blessings forever

wa azkaa tahiyyaatika fadlan wa 'adadan and the purest of Your greetings, in blessing and number,

'ala ashraf il-khalaa'iq al insaaniyya upon the noblest of the human creatures

wa majma' al haqaa'iq al imaaniyya and the gathering locus of the realities of Imaan

wa madhhar at-tajalliyaat al ihsaaniyya and appearance/form of the manifestations of Ihsaan

wa mahbaT al asraar al-rahmaaniyya and the descent of the secrets of the mercy of the All-Merciful

wasiTati 'aqd an-nabiyyeen center of the circle of the Prophets

wa muqaddami jaysh il mursaleen and leader of the army of the Messengers

wa qaa'idi rakb il anbiyaa' al mukrameen and captain of the ship of the ennobled Prophets

wa afdal il khalqi ajma'een and the most superior of all of the creations

Haamili liwaa' il-'izz il A'laa carrier of the banner of most sublime majesty

wa maaliki azimmat il majd il asnaa and owner of the reigns of the highest honor and glory

shaahidi asraar il Azal beholder of the secrets of pre-eternity

wa mushaahidi anwaar as-sawaabiq il Awwal and contemplator of the lights of the precedent beginnings

wa turjumaan lisaan il qidam and interpretor/translator of the "tongue" of beginninglessness

wa manba' il 'ilmi wal hilmi wal hikam and treasure-mine of the knowledge and clement character and wisdom madhhari sirri-l wujud il juz'i wal kulli manifestation of the secret of partial and complete existence

wa insaani 'aynil wujud al 'ulwi was sufli and source of the spring of high and low being/existence

ruhi jasadil kawnayn spirit of the body of the two worlds

wa 'ayni hayaat id-daarayn and source of the life of the two abodes

al mutahaqqiq bi a'la rutab il 'ubudiyya the realizer of the highest levels of worshipful servanthood

wal mutakhalliq bi akhlaaq al-maqamaat al-istifaa'iyya and the one characterized by the character traits of the stations of (Divine) election

al-Khalil al A'dham, wal Habib al Akram the greatest intimate friend, and the most noble beloved

Sayyidina Muhammad ibn Abdillah ibn Abdil Muttalib wa 'ala aalihi wa sahbihi 'adada ma'lumaatik wa midaada kalimaatik our liege-lord Muhammad son of Abdullah son of Abdul Muttalib, and upon his household and companions, according to the number of things known by You, and the (amount of) ink of Your Words

kullama dhakarak adh-dhaakirun, wa ghafala 'an dhikrihi-l ghaafilun as long as those who invoke invoke You, and those who are heedless remain heedless of his invocation

wa sallim tasleeman katheeran, wa radiya Allahu 'an asHaabi rasulillaahi ajma'een and much greetings of peace, and may Allah be pleased with the companions of the Messenger of Allah, all of them